

Press Release

## Children in Gaza are Eating Animal Feed to Survive!

The BBC has reported on the people living in the isolated north of Gaza and have documented that children are going without food for days. Aid convoys are increasingly denied permits to enter by the Jewish entity. The UN has warned that acute malnutrition among young children in the north has risen sharply and is now above the critical threshold of 15%. The UN's humanitarian coordination agency, OCHA, says more than half the aid missions to the north of Gaza were denied access last month and that there is increasing interference from Jewish forces in how and where aid is delivered.

Some residents have resorted to grinding animal feed into flour to survive, but even stocks of those grains are now dwindling, they say. People have also described digging into the soil to access water pipes for drinking and washing.

An estimated 300,000 people are reported to be living in northern areas of Gaza, and they are almost completely cut off from assistance. As a result, there is now a growing risk of famine.

A local medical aid worker, Mahmoud Shalabi in Beit Lahia, said people had been grinding grains used for animal feed into flour, but that even that was now running out he said; "People are not finding it in the market. It's unavailable nowadays in the north of Gaza and Gaza City. What we had was actually from the six or seven days of truce [in November], and whatever aid was allowed into the north of Gaza has been consumed by now. What people are eating right now is rice, and only rice."

The World Food Programme (WFP) informed the BBC that Jewish entity forces had halted four out of the last five aid convoys to the north, resulting in a two-week gap between deliveries to Gaza City. In a methodical act of lies and propaganda a spokesman for the Jewish military agency tasked with coordinating aid access in Gaza said in a briefing last month that there was "no starvation in Gaza. Period." The agency, Cogat, has repeatedly said it does not limit the humanitarian aid sent to Gaza.

We know that the harsh truth and horrific reality of the situation in Gaza is being blocked and the sources on the ground prove otherwise.

How can our dear, pure, beloved children of Gaza be treated as animals in this manner! Surely, the rulers of the Muslim countries must be held accountable for their assistance in these crimes as they hold back the Muslim armies. We as an Islamic Ummah can never accept the evil that is ebbing unleashed in the name of fake self-defence and the freedom to challenge Allah (swt). O Islamic Ummah, call out the idleness of the regimes and distance yourself from history being written in the advancement of the plans of Shaytan. So that Allah will have mercy on us on the Day of Resurrection from His severe torment.

﴿أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ وَيُخَوِّفُونَكَ بِالَّذِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ \* وَمَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ مُضِلٍّ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِعَزِيزٍ ذِي انْتِقَامٍ \* وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ قُلْ أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ أَرَادَنِيَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ هَلْ هُنَّ مُمْسِكَاتُ رَحْمَتِهِ قُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ يَتَوَكَّلُ الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ \* قُلْ يَا قَوْمِ اعْمَلُوا عَلَىٰ مَكَانَتِكُمْ إِنِّي عَامِلٌ فَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ \* مَنْ يَأْتِيهِ عَذَابٌ يُخْزِيهِ وَجَحِلٌّ عَلَيْهِ عَذَابٌ مُّقِيمٌ﴾  
(gods) besides Him! for such as Allah leaves to stray, there can be no guide. And such as Allah doth guide there can be none to lead astray. Is not Allah Exalted in Power, (Able to enforce His Will), Lord of Retribution? If indeed thou ask them who it is that created the heavens and the earth, they would be sure to say, "Allah". Say: "See ye then? the things that ye invoke besides Allah,- can they, if Allah wills some Penalty for me, remove His Penalty?- Or if He wills some Grace for me, can they keep back his Grace?" Say: "Sufficient is Allah for me! In Him trust those who put their trust." Say: "O my People! Do whatever ye can: I will do (my part): but soon will ye know- "Who it is to whom comes a Penalty of ignominy, and on whom descends a Penalty that abides." [Az-Zumar: 36-40]

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